

Church Tax Exemption

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Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs were presented to the courts.

Mrs. O'Hair wanted the churches to be taxed, while the Baptist committee contended that it would be a denial of the principle of religious liberty if their tax exemption were lifted. The court in its decision agreed with the Baptists.

Justice William O. Douglas was the lone dissenter in the Walz case. He said that "the question in the case therefore is whether believers — organized in church groups — can be made exempt from real estate taxes, merely because they are believers, while nonbelievers, whether organized or not, must pay the real estate taxes."

Douglas further based his dissent on the contention that tax exemption constitutes a subsidy for the churches, which he says is in violation of the First Amendment.

The court rejected Douglas' view on the grounds that payment of taxes by churches would constitute financial support of the government by the churches.

Chief Justice Burger stated that there are as many hazards involved when the church supports the state as when the state supports the church.

The court made it clear that it did not uphold tax exemption for churches on the basis of "absolute" separation nor on the basis of "social welfare services or 'good works' that some churches perform."

To set up a standard of good works to justify tax exemption for churches, the court contended, would make the government a judge as to the amount of good a church should do to justify its exemption. This would produce undue interference with the churches by the state, the court said.

In the dicta that accompanied its decision the court virtually upheld its former decisions on bus rides and textbooks for pupils in parochial schools. It also defended the assumption that tax exemption for churches does not violate the original intention of the constitution makers.

In its conclusion the court said: "It appears that at least up to 1885 this court, reflecting more than a century of our history and uninterrupted practice, accepted without discussion the proposition that federal or state grants to tax exemption to churches were not a violation of the religious clauses of the First Amendment. As to the New York statute, we now confirm that view."

Justices John M. Harlan and William J. Brennan Jr., concurred in the finding of the majority of the court, but filed separate opinions along with that of Justice Burger.

Ridgecrest YWA Tour Set June 25-July 1

The Mississippi Baptist YWA Tour to Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist assembly will be held June 25-July 1.

Miss Frances Shaw, young woman's director of the Mississippi Baptist W. M. U., sponsor, said the trip this year to the annual Young Woman's Conference would be via both jet plane and bus.

Approximate cost for those under 22 years of age will be \$111.00, which includes room and board, registration and transportation, but does not include meals.

In order to take the tour at this cost, those going must have a youth air fare card (for those under 22 years of age) from Delta Air Lines. The card costs \$3.00 and may be purchased at any Delta ticket counter. Drivers' license or birth certificate must be shown when purchasing a card.

Total cost for those 22 years of age or over will be \$126.00.

The deadline for reservations is June 1. At that time the State W.M.U. office must have the youth fare card number of every girl going.

The journey from Jackson to Atlanta will be via jet plane, leaving Allen Thompson Field at 7 a. m., arriving in Atlanta where they will transfer to a chartered bus for the remainder of trip, arriving in Ridgecrest at 3 p. m.

They will return July 1, going to Atlanta by bus and transferring to plane for remainder of journey.

Nixon School Aid

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and seriously weaken our great system of free, democratic, nondiscriminatory public schools.

Since your immediate predecessor was the only president in our history to promote legislation aiding denominational schools, Americans of all faiths and parties have been hoping that your administration would not adopt a policy which can only divide our people further, raise the costs of education intolerably, and damage or destroy the constitutional principle of church-state separation that has served our nation so well.



Baptist Hospital Observes Hospital Week

May 10-16 is National Baptist Hospital Week and Mississippi Baptist Hospital observed the week in several ways, one being the posing of the photograph above in which many of the hospital's employees

and administrative staff appear. There are 46 different categories of work at the hospital, and there is one person representing each category in the picture.

Church Property Tax Exemption? What Did Court Rule Upon?

By J. Clark Hensley
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In general, the question as interpreted in the brief filed by the Baptist Joint Committee was stated "Does the Federal Constitution prohibit states from exempting from taxation real property owned by religious organizations in the form of associations and corporations and used for religious purposes?" The Supreme Court has said that the Federal Constitution does not deny this power to the states.

In the series of February debates on the Church-Tax issue, sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, we pointed out what Mississippi law would be affected in event the Walz 1966 Code stated in part (Section 9697) (d) What property exempt: "All property, real or personal, belonging to any religious society or ecclesiastical body or any congregation thereof or to any 'charitable' society, or to any historical or 'patriotic' association or society, or to any garden or pilgrimage club or association and used exclusively for such society or association and not for profit; not exceeding, however, the amount of land which such association or society may own as provided in the chapter on corporations."

In the 1942 Code, Section 5351, Religious societies — may own certain property, this is spelled out specifically as follows: "Any religious society, ecclesiastical body and/or any congregation thereof, may hold an own, at one place, the following real property, but no other, viz:

(a) Each house or building, used as a place of worship with a reasonable quantity of ground annexed to such building or house.

(b) The house or houses used as parish house or houses, community house or houses, Sunday school house or houses, or house or houses of a similar nature, as may be reasonably needed.

(c) Each house used for a place of residence for its pastor, minister, bishop or representative in charge of a district, conference or convention, together with a reasonable quantity of ground thereto annexed.

(d) A hospital or infirmary and a nurses' home in connection therewith, together with a reasonable quantity of ground thereto annexed.

(e) All buildings used by a school, college or seminary of learning contiguous to and/or a part of the college or seminary plant, for administration, class rooms, laboratories, observatories, dormitories, and for housing the faculty and students thereof, together with a reasonable quantity of land in connection therewith.

(f) All buildings used for an orphan asylum or institution together with a reasonable quantity of ground used in connection therewith.

(g) All buildings used for a camp ground or assembly for religious purposes, together with a reasonable quantity of land in connection therewith.

(h) Lands for a cemetery or cemeteries of sufficient dimensions.

(i) All buildings and grounds used for denominational headquarters and/or administrative purposes, together with a reasonable quantity of grounds annexed thereto."

The emphasis of this section of the Code is upon "use" for religious purposes.

Our Mississippi law was tested in the case of Central Methodist Church

vs City of Meridian and ruled on by the State Supreme Court October 31, 1921. The case in point was property owned by the church and not being used for religious purposes. The conclusion of the court in this case was: "It never was the purpose of the Legislature to exempt from taxation any more property than a religious society could lawfully hold. The property involved here is in excess of the amount of property which a religious society can hold, and it cannot be heard to claim an exemption from taxation, in the court of equity, of property which it holds in violation of public policy and the laws of the land."

May 17: Radio-TV Sunday

3,300 Stations Carry Commission's Programs

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New methods of presenting the unchanging message of Christ have worked wonders in the Sixties and already are promising greater victories in the Seventies. Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, said recently.

One of these new methods, "JOT," the TV cartoon for children, has proved to be a "fantastically effective approach" to introducing the younger generation to the concepts of Christianity, Stevens said.

As a result of the enthusiastic reception given to "JOT" across the nation — by broadcasters, parents and other adults as well as by children — the program is being expanded this year from forty stations to 100. Many of the new stations will be in larger metropolitan areas of the country, Stevens said.

Woman's Missionary Union

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"Into the 70's in Home Missions"—Bob Tremaine, pastor-director, Worcester Baptist Chapel, Worcester, Massachusetts
"Into the 70's in Foreign Missions"—Missionary appointees of the Foreign Mission Board

MONDAY MORNING, June 1
Convention Center Theater, 9:00 o'clock
Worship
"The 70's in WMU"—Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the SBC, Birmingham, Alabama
Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Foreign Mission Board
"The Christ Life Worldwide—A Decade Design"
Film: "Missions... Impossible?"
"Yesterday and Tomorrow"—Winston Crowley, director, Overseas Division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia
Testimonies—Foreign Missionaries
Solo: "Forward to Christ"—Sidney C. Reber, director, Management Service Division, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond
"The High Cost of Living"—Jesse Fletcher, director, Missions Support Division, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond
"The Christlife—Worldwide"
Testimonies—Missionary Appointees
"The Way Ahead"—Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond
Closing Meditation

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 1
Convention Center Theater, 2:00 o'clock
Worship in Music and Prayer—Claude H. Rhea Jr., Birmingham
Business
Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board "The Christ Life"—in the Homeland
Illustrated Dialogue: "The West That Was"
Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.
Albert McClellan, program planning secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
"The West: A World Witness for the Church"
Wendell Belew, Atlanta, Georgia
Dewey Hickey, Valentine, Nebraska
LaVerne Inzer, Winnemucca, Nevada
Tommy Grozier, Bellevue, Nebraska
Roy Owen, Atlanta, Georgia
"The World of the West: Global Witness of Churches"
Don Kim, Los Angeles, California
Benjamin Duque, Pueblo, Colorado
Wilfred Chung, Sacramento, California
Theo Patnaik, San Jose, California
"The West: A Continuing Spiritual Frontier"—Kenneth L. Chaffin, director, Evangelism Division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
"The Bigger Home Mission Frontier"—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
Closing Meditation

Mid-City Pastor Indicted By New Orleans Grand Jury

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The pastor of financially-insolvent Mid-City Baptist Church here and four other persons have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on 13 counts of alleged conspiracy, fraud in the sale of securities, and mail fraud.

The charges stem from the sale of more than \$12 million worth of church bonds over a period of several years, and the issuance of new bond sales in order to pay off bonds that became due.

The grand jury returned a "true bill" indictment on J. Paul Driscoll, pastor of the Mid-City Baptist Church; Jessie Muriel Ray, the church's bond director; Hugh E. McGee Jr., an attorney from Houston; and Paul D. McMillan and Clyde L. Rabun, both identified as Houston church bond brokers.

Federal District Judge Lansing L. Mitchell, who will hear the case, set bond for Driscoll and McGee at \$1,000. Judge Mitchell set arraignment in the case for May 20, at which time the defendants will enter their pleas and their attorneys will file motions before the court.

Driscoll was unavailable for comment, but he is expected to plea not guilty to the charges.

U. S. Attorney Daniel J. Markey, who presented the case to the grand jury, said he expected a lengthy trial with numerous motions and counter motions.

"This was the hardest decision (to prosecute) I've had to make in my career," Markey said. "It was not something we did with relish, but under the law, we felt we had to prosecute."

According to the indictment, the first count charges fraud in the sale of securities, counts two through 12 allege separate instances of mail fraud, and the last count charges a general conspiracy.

Markey said that over \$4 million in

bonds on behalf of Mid-City Baptist Church were sold between Aug. 1, 1962, and Nov. 30, 1967, the period covered by the indictment.

On Nov. 8, 1967, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission filed an injunction with the U. S. District Court in New Orleans, enjoining Mid-City Baptist Church and seven other defendants from issuing any further bonds and from "further violations" of the Securities Act of 1933.

No criminal charges, however, were filed at the time against the church, the pastor, or the other defendants.

M. J. Gilbert, Former

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County, served for 47 years in the ministry.

From 1948-58 he was secretary of the former Rural Church Work Department of the State Convention Board, a ministry that was later changed to the present Cooperative Missions Department.

He came to the Convention Board from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Butler, Ala. and left the Board to become superintendent of missions of Riverside Baptist Association.

Since then he had served several other associations as superintendent of missions and terminated his last work recently as superintendent of missions of Clarke County.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert would have observed their golden wedding anniversary within a few weeks.

pastor and longtime supporter of the Commission, now heads the follow-up program.

All told, the Commission currently produces 45 different radio and television program formats. That compares with only six at the beginning of the Sixties.

Stevens reported sharp increases during the Sixties in every area of the Commission's work — from 1,100 to 3,300 in number of stations carrying Commission programs; from 38,000 to 152,000 in number of individual broadcasts per year; from \$2½ million to more than \$5 million in free public service time given by networks and stations for Commission programs, and a growth in the Commission staff from 42 to 87 fulltime employees.

A proportionate increase was also made in language programming and in cooperative TV productions with the three major networks, Stevens said. The Commission now has nine language programs, in seven different languages, and last year produced nineteen half-hour exposures for nationwide telecast.

Despite the Commission's growth, Stevens said, the challenge for literally reaching the world for Christ through radio and television remains largely unmet.

The door is wide open for more programming and a vastly increased language ministry to take advantage of the worldwide hunger for information and truth," Stevens said.

He added that these possibilities can be reached only when Baptists realize the need and earnestly seek the power of God, through prayer, in meeting it.

The Commission makes brochures, bulletin inserts, posters and other materials available free to churches desiring to observe Radio-TV Sunday.

If advance orders are an indication, he said, the event will be commemorated by more churches this year than ever before.

New Manuals For Royal Ambassadors Go On Sale In Baptist Book Stores

A new line of advancement manuals Royal Ambassadors will go on sale May 15 in Baptist book stores.

Eight books comprise the color-plashed series emphasizing mission study and involvement for boys in grades 1-12.

Each has been designed and written according to the average maturation level of each age boy, explained Jay Chance, director of the Royal Ambassador Department of the Brotherhood Commission, publisher of the series.

The new line was unveiled at the annual meeting of state Brotherhood leaders at Memphis, Tennessee.

The books by grade level are Lad 1, grade 1; Lad 2, grade 2; Lad 3, grade 3; Page, grade 4; Squire, grade 5; Knight, grade 6; Pioneer Adventure, grades 7-9; and Ambassador Service, grades 10-12.

Present and former members of the Brotherhood Commission staff wrote the books. They were Frank Lawton, Lad series; Frank Black, Page, Squire and Knight; and John Seales, Pioneer Adventure and Ambassador Service.

The new books complete an emphasis upon Brotherhood program development which will see five new magazines make their appearance in October, 1970. They are Crusader, a monthly for boys in grades 1-6; Probe, a monthly for boys in grades 7-12; Crusader Counselor, a quarterly for counselors who work with Crusaders; Probe (Leadership Edition), a monthly for Pioneer counselors and officers; and Brotherhood Builder, a quarterly for church Brotherhood directors, Royal Ambassador Leaders, pastors, and associational Brotherhood officers.



FRANK LAWTON, (left), Crusader Consultant, Royal Ambassador Department, Brotherhood Commission, explains a new Lad manual to Paul Harrell, Mississippi Royal Ambassador secretary. The Lad manuals are part of a new Royal Ambassador advancement series which will be available May 15 in Baptist bookstores.



Denham



Wright

Speakers For Clarke Commencement

Speakers for the commencement activities of Clarke Memorial College Saturday, May 23, will be Rev. Hardy Denham, Jr., left, pastor of First Church, Newton, and Dr. Leslie S. Wright, right, president of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.

The commencement service will be at 10:00 A.M. and the graduating exercises at 6:00 P.M., both to be held in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Dr. W. L. Compere, president of the college, announces.

Van Winkle Church To Observe 32nd Anniversary Sunday

The thirty-second anniversary of Van Winkle Baptist Church in Jackson will be observed Sunday, May 17.

Rev. Herman A. Milner, who has been pastor of the church for 24 years, will bring the message at the regular morning hour at 11:00 o'clock, with "dinner on the ground" at noon. An afternoon service will follow at 2:00 o'clock.

Several former members of the church will be present. Friends of the church as well as the public are invited to attend.



Denver's City And County Building

THE DENVER CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING is a main reference point in the 25th largest city in the USA, host for the 125th anniversary session of

the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-4. Baptists in Colorado number 43,000 in 187 churches.—(BP) PHOTO.

Clergy Economic Meet To Be Held In Canton May 25-28

The third Mississippi Clergy Economic Education Conference will be held at the Episcopal Conference Center in Canton May 25-28.

Welcome will be extended by Dr. Joseph A. Greene, Jr., dean of the School of Business Administration, University of Southern Mississippi.

Some of the principal speakers and their subjects will include:

Prices and Markets, Dr. Richard H. Lewicki, chairman, Department of Economics, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma; the Philosophy of Capitalism, Dr. Jack Anderson Davis, Chairman, Department of Economics, Mississippi State University; the Determination of National Income, Employment and the General Price Level, Dr. Jack C. Wimberly, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Southern Mississippi; the Mississippi Economy and Related Issues, J. R. Peterson, assistant director, Mississippi Research and Development Center, Jackson; Economics of American Agriculture, Dr. Gray Milley, Dean, Division of Business, Mississippi College; the Philosophy of Labor Management Relations, Dr. Ray Marshall, Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky, Lexington.

A limited number of free clergy scholarships are available upon application to Dr. Kenneth R. Grubbs. For more information and appraisal of this opportunity, contact Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the State Convention, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, or Tel. 354-3704.

Annual Annuitants

Luncheon At SBC

Dallas — All persons drawing benefit checks from the Baptist Annuity Board are invited to attend the annual Annuitants' Luncheon to be held during the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver.

The luncheon will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, in the Silver Room of the Denver Hilton Hotel.

Annuitants may pick up their free tickets for the luncheon at the Exhibit Hall of the Denver Convention Center.



Rev. and Mrs. James Brannon

Mississippi Couple Accept Pastorate In South Dakota

Rev. James Brannon, native of Laurel, and pastor of the Meadow Grove Church in Brandon, has accepted the call to Temple Baptist Church, Ellsworth Air Force Base at Rapid City, South Dakota.

He has been at Meadow Grove almost four years while attending New Orleans Seminary three of these years. Due on the new church field May 18, he is graduating this week from the seminary.

He is married to the former Sandra Rhodes of Canton who has been employed at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in the Cooperative Missions Department for almost five years.

The new mailing address for the Brannons will be P. O. Box 248, Ellsworth A.F.B., South Dakota, 57701.

Criswell Sees SBC Emphasis On 'Conservative Doctrines'

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funny beliefs about the Bible and look at his strange notions about the authority of the Word of God and the inspired Scriptures." I don't think I am any different than 34,990 of my fellow pastors.

Q: In that same area, in the Executive Committee address in Nashville last September you declared yourself for the 1963 Statement of Faith and previous statements of faith by Baptist bodies. Is there any thought on your part that these statements, rather broad, should be more specific?

A: No. They please me exactly. For example, the 1963 statement declares the nature of the ordinances. It doesn't spell it out that you have got to be, and then all of these discussions concerning alien immersion and closed communion — you don't find them in there. There is room in those articles of faith and has been from the beginning, for every shade of Baptist opinion concerning the ordinances, concerning the Bible, denominational structure relationship of the churches — all the way through. But you have got to believe something and it ought to mean something to be a Baptist. That is a magnificent, broad, inclusive area where all of us who are Baptists can find ample room to apply. We are doing it.

Q: You are more restrictive in the practices of First Baptist Church of Dallas than you would want the Southern Baptist Convention to be?

A: Absolutely. I don't want Virginia to change. If I could go over there and change the brethren—I'm talking about their attitude toward the ordinances—I would not do it. Here in this church and our churches in the Southwest for the most part, we are like that (more restrictive), but I would not seek to impose that. If you are something else you ought to go over there and be with those people. You ought not to say I am a Baptist and then not have Baptist beliefs.

Q: Do you plan to touch on any of this in your presidential address?

A: Not like that, but I am going to speak of the fact that we were born in that great doctrinal conviction and that to be a Baptist means that we believe some things. We ought not to be timid about shouting them to the house tops. These are the things that for the centuries our Baptist people

have said we believe and we have all embraced those doctrines.

Q: The Christian Life Commission seminar in Atlanta dealing with authentic morality has become quite controversial because of some outside the denomination who were on the program. What is your feeling?

Expresses Sympathy

A: I am in great sympathy with what the Christian Life Commission wanted to do. What they wanted to do was to challenge the cheap morality expounded by those professors of situation ethics and these downright pornographically minded men like the publishers of Playboy. They wanted to challenge the new morality. I am in sympathy with that. Man alive, challenge it anywhere in the world. The only thing that I think as a friend of theirs, not as an enemy, is that there is a better way possibly to go about that in the framework of our Southern Baptist people.

Q: Some are planning to reduce the Commission's budget and maybe move to dissolve it at the Denver convention. If they do, will you have anything to say?

A: I do not think it will be done. I think that is something that the denomination would not even think about.

Q: Dr. R. G. Lee in about 1950 when there was a doctrinal battle before the convention left the president's chair and appealed for unity. Would you have any hesitancy if this is necessary?

A: No, I would have no hesitancy at all. I was there when Dr. Lee did that. I thought it was a magnificent thing.

Q: Does the presidency give a feeling of responsibility for holding the convention together that no other office does?

A: Here's another thing that is surprising to me. I think of our Southern Baptist people as being some thing.

A Baptist, I did not know Southern Baptist in counter distinctions to some other kind of Baptists. And now to think about our people being pulled apart or separated. I just never had thought of that. We may not all agree, and we may have our clashes and our discussions (and actually do) but it never occurs to me that we are going to pull apart.

Denver Parking Problems To Be Helped By Stadium Shuttle Bus

DENVER (BP) — The local arrangements committee for the Southern Baptist Convention here June 1-4, citing a critical shortage of economical downtown parking facilities, has set up a shuttle bus to the Mile High Stadium for those who drive their cars to the convention.

All day parking at the stadium will cost 25 cents per day, provided cars are not removed. Reparking will cost an additional 25 cents, according to convention officials.

The shuttle bus will cost \$2.50 per person for the entire week of the convention, including as many trips to the stadium as needed. The shuttle bus cannot take money, and every bus rider must have a pass, the committee pointed out.

Downtown parking for the convention became a problem after recent action by the Denver Downtown Parking Association limiting the number of all-day parking spaces. What few all-day places are available cost a minimum of \$1.10 per day or more.

Convention officials urged those who desire to use the shuttle bus to send check or money order for \$2.50 per person to the Denver Association of Southern Baptists, 405 South Platte River Dr., Denver, Colo. 80223.

"The shuttle bus service can save

you hours of looking for a parking space and save you money for more important things," said John B. Upchurch, pastor of Chambers Road Baptist Church in Aurora, Colo. "But don't blame us if you fail to take our warning. You could be in Denver but miss much of the convention looking for parking."

Old Fashioned

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all "singing" and "talking" sessions and one lecture-demonstration of organ music for church services.

The only textbook necessary will be each participant's own copy of the Baptist Hymnal. Any other materials will be furnished.

Mr. Lyall and Mr. Hall will serve as coordinators. Serving on the faculty will be the following members of the Mississippi College music faculty: Gerald Claxton, voice; Glenn Triplett, theory; Ralph Carroll, conducting; Billy R. Trotter, organ and piano.

Housing accommodation's can be arranged in air-conditioned Whittington Hall for the men or in a nearby motel for couples. Meals will be served in the air-conditioned Mississippi College cafeteria at a very nominal price.

For more information, write the Church Music Department, Baptist Building, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

The school will begin with registration at 9:15 o'clock Thursday morning and close with lunch on Saturday.

Q: This will be the first convention in Denver. Theologically, I guess Baptists do grow more conservative as they settle Westward. Do you see a different convention from that of last year in New Orleans? If so, in what way?

A: Yes. I think that in this coming convention in Denver you are going to have a very decided emphasis spoken in the business sessions and wherever they have an opportunity to say something — decided emphasis on the conservative doctrines of the faith.

Q: You voiced a fear shortly after your election that additional travel and days away from your church might endanger your church program. Has there been anything like this?

A: No sir. The church has grown. Our Sunday School is still growing prodigiously. Last Sunday we had 5,641 in Sunday School. We had 2,450 in Training Union. The Sunday before we had over \$90,000 in our regular offering. I have stayed here at the church. I have tried to do what they wanted me to do as president. I took off five weeks to go to Africa, but our church has been so faithful and loyal and I have tried to remember them and it has not hurt our church at all.

Q: Do you have any idea of the number of days away from Dallas these two years and the number of miles traveled?

Traveled Widely

A: It has been a good deal. When

we figured that up one time before after about a year and some, it was about 50,000 miles then.

Q: Before your election you were already accepting all the invitations your time would permit?

A: That is the reason you don't see any difference in the church. Before I was elected I was just doing everything humanly possible, and when I was elected — if you are carrying all the weight you can you just don't have any more weight you can carry. That was the way it was with my being president. Every year I have made an extensive trip in our Baptist work visiting mission fields and encouraging the brethren just because I love to do it. Now that I was president it made no difference and I just kept on doing it. The only shift I made at all was first in these denominational meetings. I had never been to an Executive Committee meeting before. Consequently, being president I made many of those denominational meetings that otherwise I would never have made — never had made.

Q: Has this given you a new appreciation for the denomination?

A: Yes. You know, it is a shame that our people do not realize how representative and democratic our organizations are. There is nobody that runs this thing. There is nobody that controls it. As I look at the men on these boards, they are just fellow-pastors and committed denominational leaders who are just downright loving God and serving Him with all the

strength of their lives.

Q: Looking beyond the moment when you will turn the gavel over to another, what is your prayer or your dream for Southern Baptists?


A: I just pray that we'll go on in the great tremendous missionary, evangelistic, Bible teaching ministries and commitments that we have had in these days past. God has blessed us in these days past, and I think that is why He has. We have been missionary, evangelistic, Bible loving, preaching, soul winning, teaching in our Sunday School... We have just been at it. I just want us to keep on.

Q: What should be the attitude of the people going to the convention in Denver?


A: I would like for us to go to Denver just like I would like for our people to come to church, deacon's meeting, Sunday School or an enlargement campaign. I'd like for us to go to Denver with a great, positive, triumphant, conquest attitude. We're not going up there to tear up the earth or to tear up one another. We're not going up there to slay one another with the jaw bone of a jackass. We are going up there with great dreams and visions that we are going to try to bring to reality. We have got a world to preach the gospel to. We have open doors to enter. We have our own America to try to rescue from moral insanity and spiritual insanity... We have the whole world to try to win to Christ. Let us go up there with those things in our hearts.

BROTHERHOOD RETREAT


TOMBIGBE STATE PARK, TUPELO




J. Allen Tyner
Tupelo




Clyde B. Little
Holly Springs




Lewis Myers, Jr.
Missionary to Vietnam



George Schroeder
Brotherhood Commission



T. E. Collins
Tupelo



James N. Roberts
Oxford

— DEVOTIONALS —

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Floyd L. Luminus
Tupelo



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

All the procrastinators around our house are not children. When Dr. Odle said send a picture for the column heading I did not have one and kept putting off getting one made. After some last-minute doing with a Polaroid, a friend came up with a not-too-pretty snapshot, but one which looked exactly like me, James and I thought.

The days before the first column I was so nervous I feared for an ulcer. On the day of the issue I didn't want to go out to have to see people or to answer the phone to have to talk to people. I couldn't face their reaction to my pen and me.

So I was walled in when James came to the house about nine o'clock to bring that historical issue of the Baptist Record. His grin spread almost around his head as he opened the Record for me, and there I was, a full-fledged columnist!

I looked and looked, and read and re-read and shook and re-shook, and my grin matched his. We decided the heading, sketch and all were great. All I could say was, "Isn't this fun?" I had an ounce of the same feeling I had a ton of when I looked at each of our boys soon after their births.

Then I opened a letter from Anne McWilliams. Among other things, she said that the sketch looked exactly like the picture, I sent, but she added, she did not remember that I looked like that. The suggestion was made that if I decided to send another picture it would be o.k.

Well, Anne was not alone. It turned out that I need not have worried about facing reaction to my pen—at the risk of seeming immodest, that reaction has been a delightful manifestation of the graciousness and kindness of many people, thrilling beyond the ability of my heart to feed words to my pen. "Thank you"

remains to be improved upon in such instances.

But the reaction to me—the me of the sketch was something else. The people to whom a picture of me matters did not like the picture I had sent. Most of them have loved me for a long time. I think their love has made me prettier to them than I am. Isn't it good that love is like that?

So, when Dr. Odle called a week or so ago and said he wanted to continue the column, we had a new picture made. It looks just like me, too.

By the way: There is nothing like teen-agers to keep a Mama in her place. After Dr. Odle's call I felt quite exalted with myself. The fourteen-year-old boy with his tongue in his cheek (at least, it better have been in his cheek) said, "How much is Daddy having to pay Dr. Odle?"

Our sixteen-year-old writes a weekly sports column for a paper in our town. I get him to read my column by reading his.

This column this week has been about me—and about you—but it will not be that way again. That's not its purpose. Its purpose is to help us Christian women consider the inestimable importance of our existence in today's mess of a world.

But two things needed to be done. In my book, the prime Christian grace is gratitude. I wanted to say a public "Thank you" to you who have let me know of the uses to which you and your friends have put this column.

The second is clothed in levity. A prime Baptist grace is that of being willing to take on a new look as Christian expediency demands. I am so Baptist it's a bit disgusting, and I want my column to have the characteristics of all good Baptist efforts.

This may not be exactly a new look—it may just be the old look in a new picture but I tried.

Don't Wait Too Long!

This editorial is prompted by two matters which have come to our attention in the past few days.

One is a letter from the Annuity Board announcing that the opportunity for preachers and other church workers to take the new Group Insurance Program offered by the Board "without a physical examination" will come to a close on July 1, 1970.

This plan, which was opened to Southern Baptist preachers and church workers last fall, is one of the finest group insurance plans that has been offered in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. It provides group insurance coverage at a lower cost than anything that preachers and workers can get anywhere else. The coverage includes insurance for dependents, long term disability coverage, and provision for some conversion to permanent insurance.

No Medical Examination Now
From the beginning this new program has been offered without medical examination, so that even those who have some health problem, and who may even be poor medical risks, could secure it. That privilege is about to end. Afterward, while the insurance still will be available, it will be only after the individual is found insurable through medical examination.

Already thousands of Southern Baptists have taken advantage of this splendid plan, and are enjoying more protection than they ever have had before. BUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THE PLAN WITHOUT EXAMINATION IS ABOUT TO END. DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE, AND THEN DECIDE YOU WANT THE COVERAGE!

Retirement Program
A second matter has come to our attention. Someone told us about an elderly retired Baptist preacher in the state, whose churches did not enter the Annuity Board Retirement program while he still was serving them. Now that preacher and his wife face serious financial need, and the churches he formerly served are seeking to provide some financial support for him. It is a most gracious gesture on their part to accept this extra responsibility, and we are glad to know that they are doing it, but would it not have been much better, if they had entered the Retirement Program back when the preacher was serving as pastor? Then the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention would have joined with the church in helping provide a retirement in-

check from Dallas every month.

Every church in the state should act NOW to see that its pastor and other workers, will be cared for when the time of retirement comes. But the only time to prepare adequately for that retirement time, is now. The longer the preacher or the church waits, the smaller will be the retirement income, and the more serious will be the financial problems of the preacher when the day comes that he must lay aside pastoral responsibilities.

Protects Worker's and Church
For many years Mississippi Baptists have been working with Southern Baptists in seeking to provide retirement coverage for the preachers and workers when the worker retires, becomes disabled, or dies. The Annuity Board plan provides the most adequate coverage for Southern Baptist church workers that is available to them. While some may argue that the ministers do not need this since they now have Social Security, the fact is that with inflation, the retired preacher will need both that and the Annuity protection. Since the church cannot pay the Social Security (except by raising the pastor's salary enough to cover it), let the pastor pay that, and the church pay the Annuity part. For \$400.00 per year (if the salary is \$4,000 or more) the church can join Southern Baptists in providing a retirement plan for the preacher, an annuity for his widow, and an educational fund for the children in the event of his death. If the salary is under \$4,000 the cost is proportionately less.

The provision of this protection is imperative. BUT IT MUST BE DONE NOW. NO CHURCH SHOULD DELAY ANOTHER DAY IN DOING IT. MANY MISSISSIPPI CHURCHES ARE IN THE PLAN, AND ALL OTHERS SHOULD VOTE TO GET IN IT NOW, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

W. R. Roberts has been the Annuity Board representative for Mississippi Baptists for the past 12 years. He has aided hundreds of churches in working out plans for the protection of their employees and of themselves. No man in Mississippi has greater knowledge of how to aid churches in making this provision for their workers. He stands ready to help any church in the state, in working out its plans. Why not call or write him today, and let him come and assist your church in this important matter? He may be addressed at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205 or may be called at 354-3794.

The Way to Community Health



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Seek Purchase Of New Home For Baptist Seaman's Service

Dear Friends of Seamen's Service:
God has answered prayer again! For six years we have been praying for a building properly located and adequate to minister to the seamen of the world who come into the Port of New Orleans.

This building is now available in the edge of the French Quarter. Seamen pass this building regularly as they come to town looking for something to do and often not finding anything worthwhile.

For six years we have been using our own home which is not large enough to provide for the 40 or 50 people we so often have. We are grateful that we can use it, but also realize the limit that is put upon the work because of the lack of adequate space and equipment.

Transportation has always been a big problem as the men have to be transported. Much of this will be eliminated because ships tie up within two blocks of this building and seamen walk by it almost constantly. City bus service is easily available from outlying areas.

The building is 35' x 100', half two-story and half three-story, giving room not only to expand our ministry to the almost 300,000 men who enter our port every year but also providing a more effective ministry.

Our Board of Directors met Friday, May 1, and agreed to purchase the

FMB Journal, The Commission, Free To Pastors

Dear Dr. Odle:

At a recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Floyd North, Editor of **The Commission**, reminded us that every Southern Baptist pastor may receive **The Commission** as a regular subscription without charge by requesting it from **The Commission** office. Each pastor must include his full address along with his zip code number.

The address is:
Mr. Floyd North, Editor
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Richmond, Virginia 23230

Through appropriate means in **The Baptist Record** will you please share this information with the Mississippi pastors.

Thank you for this service.
John Lee Taylor, Pastor
First, McComb

Summer Student Worker Needs Ride To Denver

Dear Mr. Odle:

I am writing for some information concerning pastors of other Baptists in Mississippi.

One of our foreign students here at M.S.C.W. will be working in Yellowstone National Park this summer, but cannot afford the transportation expenses to Yellowstone. When Rev. Smith was on campus, he met this girl and promised if she could get as far as Denver, he would see that she got to her job on time.

I might mention that this girl, Lisa Chan, is from Hong Kong and has been in the States since September. If you know of anyone who may be able to include her in their trip to Denver, I would be deeply grateful to contact them on her behalf.

Thank you so very much for your help in this matter.
Sincerely,
(Miss) Ginger Earle
Director

Approves Articles On Young People

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your three outstanding articles in last week's **Baptist Record**. I feel that you did yourself and Mississippi Baptists proud and especially our young people with your articles on Archie Manning, Jane Carol Foshee, and Sharon Kay Applegate. They certainly are outstanding examples for our youth to pattern their lives after. Why not have at least one article each week like these, if possible? Surely, we have within our state many fine young people such as these.

Billy T. McDaniel
Vardaman, Miss.

Enjoys Articles By Mrs. Fancher

Dear Mr. Odle:

I just wanted to tell you how much we enjoy Mrs. Wilda Fancher's articles each week. It is good to read her thoughts and I am saving a copy of each one. Hope you will continue to use them!

Mrs. Robert Watkins
Aberdeen, Miss.

Servant Of God

One of Mississippi's most widely known and best loved preachers, Martin J. Gilbert, died suddenly last week.

For almost half a century he had been a preacher of the gospel of Christ.

For many years he served as pastor of Baptist churches.

For ten years he served as secretary of the Department of Rural Church Work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

For about 12 years, he had served as an Associational Superintendent of Missions, first in a full time capacity, and then, after retirement, on an interim basis.

The last week of his life he participated in a school of missions, and his last act was to preach, for he was stricken while giving the invitation at the close of a sermon.

He died as he would have wanted to die, preaching the gospel of the Christ he loved and followed.

It was almost a step from the pulpit into heaven, for only a few hours elapsed from the time he was stricken, until he entered into the presence of his Lord.

His was a life of complete dedication to the Lord's work.

He loved the Lord; he loved the

church; he loved the denomination; he loved people.

The strength of his character is revealed in his family. Two sons are preachers, one a missionary in Ecuador and the other a superintendent of missions in Louisiana; another son is a splendid layman, completely dedicated to his Lord and to his church; the daughter is the wife of a pastor.

Sharing in all the years of his dedicated service was his wife, who survives him. She participated in his whole ministry, both in the churches, and in his denominational work.

When retirement time came, a home was purchased on the shores of Barnett Reservoir, and some of us joked with him about how bad it was to have nothing to do but fish.

But he couldn't retire to fishing. He couldn't ever retire. He did some fishing, of course, but the Lord had called him to fish for men. He just had to keep preaching, and promoting missions and the work of the churches.

He did that until the very end. Surely, his Lord was waiting, as he stepped on the shore of heaven, to say, "Servant of God, well done!"

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

Each person walks through his own door of willingness. What a wonderful thing it is when that door leads to Christian discipleship.—William Walter Warmath in "When He Calls Me," Broadman Press.

Faith is a disposition of the individual toward God by which he claims the merits of Christ for salvation and commits his life to God in obedience to his will.—B. J. Chitwood in "A Faith That Works," Broadman Press.

Suggests Praying For Mrs. O' Hair

Sir:

In the April 30, issue of the Baptist Record, we again find MADALYN O'HAIR in the news. The thought came to me at once, "Pray for this woman."

I know what God can, and will do through sincere prayer to him will every Born Again Christian who knows of this join with me in prayer for this misled soul? Acts 4:10-12 Pray with love in our hearts for her because she is lost. God will indeed hear and answer, if we are sincere. Let us pray two minutes the minimum, each morning for Madalyn O' Hair, Ephesians 6:12.

Yours in Christ Jesus my Lord,
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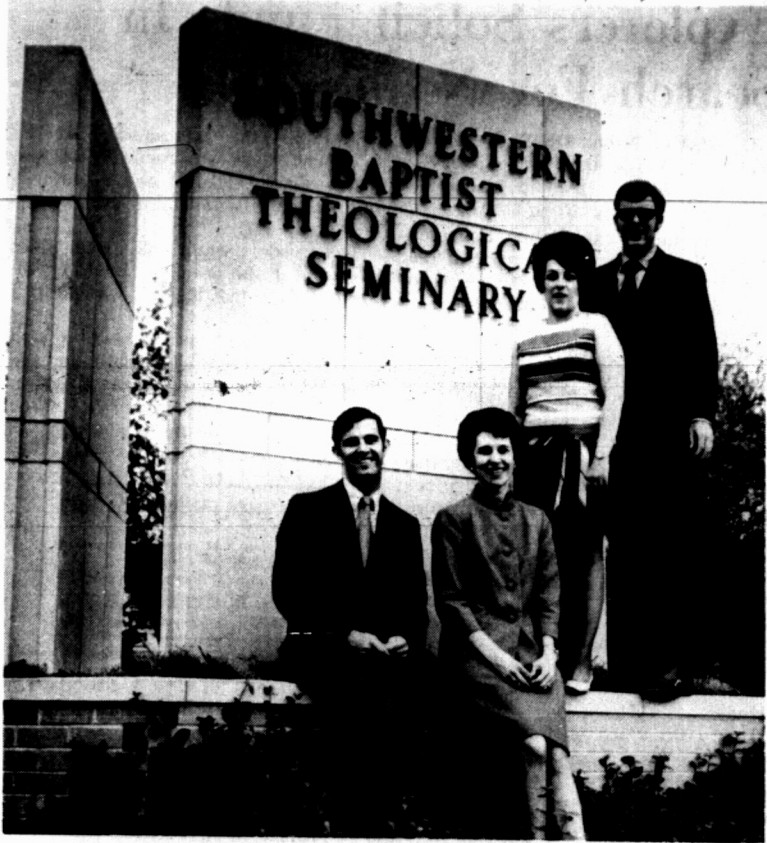
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Southwestern Student Leaders, 1970-71

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY STUDENT LEADERS FOR THE 1970-1971 school year pose at the entrance to the main campus. Left to right are: Jerry Cronan, Baton Rouge, La., vice president of the student council; Neta Stewart, former Mississippian, dean of women and director of student activities; Charlotte Chandler, Fordyce, Ark., secretary; and Jim Packwood, Natchitoches, La., president.

Biology Major Plans Career With Thailand Police Force

ABILENE, Tex. (BP) — When Hardin-Simmons University senior Anchali Chitritiang graduates from the Baptist school here in May with a major in biology, she plans to return to her homeland, Thailand, as a policewoman.

Several years ago, the Bangkok girl decided to go to the Baptist school after she had studied English in Bangkok with Benton Williams, a Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand and personal friend of the school's president, Elwin L. Skiles.

After meeting Skiles when he was on a trip to Southeast Asia, Miss Chitritiang decided to go to Hardin-Simmons because, as she said, "I thought I'd like to go somewhere that I knew someone—especially if it was the president of the university!"

During summers when she returned to Bangkok, Anchali worked with the police department. Her late father had been a policeman, and she had done police social work.

In working with the police force, Miss Chitritiang visited people who lived along the Cambodia-Thailand border whom, she said, Cambodian

Communists had sought to convert to Communism. She said she told them about Communism and sought to minister to their physical needs.

Miss Chitritiang has had five months of summer training in Thailand and will have seven more after graduation in May.

She hopes to study at a professional police school in Washington, D. C., or Los Angeles beginning next January. After two years there she will return to Thailand.

"People here think that Thailand is like the 'King and I' and that our king has a shaved head and bare chest," Anchali said. "But Thailand is a very modern country."

One disappearing part of traditional culture, however, is the Thai dance, she continued. The dance must be learned by the young to perfect movement, she said adding that because her family liked to hold the old customs, she had learned to dance as a child.

"My father was in the police force in a high rank and children of high officials honored the royal family by serving at teas and dancing." She said further that "I couldn't



"The Pilgrim 20" To Sing In Mississippi

The PILGRIM 20, seven young, professional instrumentalists-vocalists who honestly relate what life is about through contemporary music, are coming to Poplarville, Miss., on May 16, 17, and 18, and to Meridian, Miss. June 4th.

The Wichita, Kansas based group, which had its beginning in August, 1967 at Glorieta, New Mexico, has since sung almost 300 concerts to some 300,000 people in 26 states. They sang in Starkville, Miss. March 17 and 18.

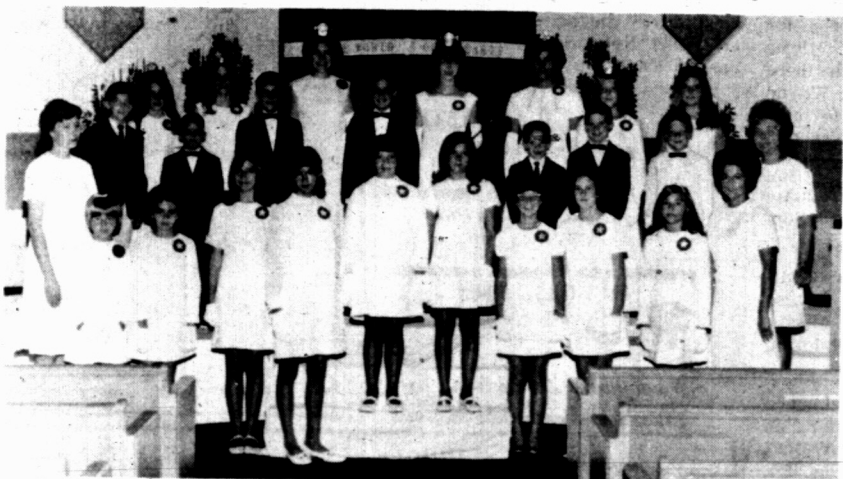
The PILGRIMS perform everywhere — on campuses and beaches, in churches, hospitals and prisons; they sleep where they can find room—in homes, rescue missions, in Salvation Army buildings, anywhere.

Folk-rock all the way, the PILGRIMS use psychedelic lights and slides in their performances. Instruments include drums, bass-rhythm and lead guitars, organ, tambourine, and harmonica.

Over fifty songs comprise their repertoire. Some of them are "Jesus is a Soul Man," the Iron Butterfly's "In the Time of Our Lives," and "One." Two of their originals are "Life Ain't Easy" and "Did You Turn Away."

The PILGRIMS have cut two long play records with the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission. Their latest record, "The Way We Live" and "The Minority," was recorded recently on the KLONDIKE label.

Present PILGRIMS are Joey Gilmore, Dade City, Florida; David Ingraham, Midland, Texas; Ingrid Larson, Leawood, Kansas; Kerry Martindale, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Terry Mosier, Sterling, Kansas; Tony Ward, Duncan, Oklahoma; and Meredith Wood, Weslaco, Texas.



FIRST, OLIVE BRANCH: This was the second GA coronation in the history of the church and the first time any girls in their GA had earned scepters. (See story at right.)



NEW PALESTINE: Nineteen participated in the GA Coronation Service at New Palestine Church, Piquette. The girls, who wore white dresses with green and yellow accents, the GA colors, were: MAIDENS: Brenda Solars, Jeanne Brun, and others.



EASTBACHIE CHURCH held its first GA Coronation last year, with three Queens, three Princesses, one Lady-in-Waiting, and one Maiden. First row: Eddie Jones, Kim Sanders, Sam Cascio, Linda Cascio, Dwayne Higginson, and Elizabeth Walley. Second row: Karen King, Kimberly Poole, Linda Walley, Pamela Higginson, and Athena Hall. Third row: Jeff Carter, Mike Higginson, Back row: Mrs. Kirk Ford, Edward King, and Johnny Ward King and Mrs. Coleman Walley, counselors.



SWIFTWATER: The Mary Louise Hobart Junior GA girls were crowned in a Presentation Service at Swiftwater Church, Rt. 2, Greenville. After the program, "Go and Tell," under direction of Mrs. Edward Trotter, the girls were honored with a reception. The girls are Maidens: Janie Smith, Terese Gilder, Wanda Willoughby; Lady-in-Waiting: Susan Roden, Paula Gilder; Princesses: Beverly Gilder, Teri Trotter, Deborah Jeffords. Mrs. Bettie Jeffords is the leader.



AT PEARL, A FAMILY AFFAIR: Pictured is the Gene Williams family, all of whom were participants in the GA Coronation service at Pearl Church, Janet, center back, became the church's first Queen-Regent-Servant; she was escorted by her father, Judy, right, was crowned Queen by her mother, back left. Marilyn, front left, completed her Maiden steps, and Connie, center front, was crown bearer for Judy. Others in the coronation included seven maidens, and seven queens. Mrs. Woods Russom, GA director, Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor.

GA Focus Week

May 10-16 is Girls' Auxiliary Focus week, and the pictures here presented are representative of the many, many GA Coronations held annually in churches all over Mississippi, and the SBC. Because of limited space, the Baptist Record presents GA Coronation pictures only once a year, during GA Focus Week.

The Girls' Auxiliary Coronation at First Church, Olive Branch, was typical of many similar services. For the first time, girls at Olive Branch were recognized as Queens with a Scepter.

Mrs. Vance Marberry, GA director, discussed the progress of Girls' Auxiliary, which was begun in 1912 and today numbers more than a quarter of a million.

The candlelight service featured a spotlight on the theme, "The World In Our Hearts." Above these words was a huge gold heart with the world drawn inside, and the heart of the Girls' Auxiliary in glittered letters.

Mrs. Jimmy Wheeler, Mrs. Glen Burns and Mrs. Charles Barry, GA Leaders, presented the emblems to: Maiden, June Haslip; Ladies-in-Waiting, Tammy Barry, Cindy Driver, Janet Haslip, Sherry Reeder, Cheryl Rollins, Betty Voyles; Princesses, Chris Gargano, Jan Smith.

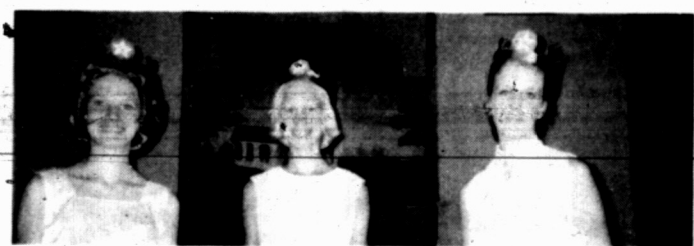
As each Queen entered, a trumpet note was sounded by Mr. Norvell. The Queens, Trudy Brandon, Barbara Harrison, Penny Davidson, Renee Lowry and Pam Williams, wore white formal gowns. The crown bearers were Arthur Brandon, Kevin Wagner, Gregg Phillips, Ricky Rollins, and Jimmy Rollins.

The trumpet sound was very long as the Queens, with Scepter entered in their long white gowns and wearing their crowns. Sharon Burns and Sue Osborn were awarded the scepters by Pastor Vance Marberry. The scepters were carried by Marvin Camp and Brian Birmingham who wore tuxedos. Stephen Burns and Derward Winders served as ushers and lighted the candles.

The benediction was given by Mrs. Dicky Gentry, President, Woman's Missionary Society. Following the coronation ceremony, a churchwide reception honored the Queens and Ladies-in-Waiting. The refreshment table was overlaid with a white satin cloth. An arrangement of daisies and white stock with gold candles, holding glowing gold tapers on either side, were placed on the table. Serving were Mrs. Jimmy Young and Mrs. Ralph Wagner. Miss Terry Gargano was at the guest register.



BUNKER HILL: SAVED TO SERVE was the theme of the G.A. Coronation service held in Bunker Hill Church, Columbia. Those pictured above and advancing the GA work were, left to right — MAIDENS: Felisa White, Cassandra Boone, Janice Graham, Jane Byrd, and Paula Sturkey; QUEEN: Blanche Creel; PRINCESSES: Martha Ann Allen, Cathy Cooper, Diane Wilks; LADIES IN WAITING: Theresa Sinclair, Diane Stuckey and Ann Graham. The Crown Bearer was Doug Duncan and the Flower Girl was Diane Duncan, standing in front. Back left: Mrs. Sam Creel, WMU Director, right: Mrs. J. W. Duncan, GA director.



FIRST, FLORENCE: Debra Townsend, Theresa Townsend, and Sharon May were crowned as Queens at the G.A. Coronation at First Church, Florence. Others of the fourteen who received recognition were: Maidens: Lee Beth Smith, Claudia Townsend, Sheila Satter, Zelma Beth Gandy; Ladies-in-Waiting: Lee Ann Whitfield, Sherrie Rice, Melany Townsend; Princesses: Beth Clark, Mindy May, Cynthia Hughes, and Rachel Smith. Kathy King, Wendy Gardner, and Kym Courtney served as crown bearers. Counsellors are Mrs. William G. Clark, Mrs. Ollie Matthews, Jr., and Mrs. Richard Steen. Mrs. John Odum is G.A. director and Mrs. Joe Taylor is WMU director; Rev. Luther M. Dorr is pastor.



PLEASANT HILL: The Girls' Auxiliary Coronation service was beautiful at Pleasant Hill Church, Route 2, Bogus Chitto. Queens crowned were left to right, Audrey Howard and Gaye Brister; with them are their crown bearers, Kevin May and Robin Williamson.

do anything else but dance so I danced for many parties. It was very nice, because I got to know many important people and everyone liked to do it because it was an honor."

Her uncle helps protect the king and queen of Thailand. The high-ranking police official assumed the role of head of the Chitritiang household after Anchali's father's death.

Explaining that the Thai police force is a military service like the American Army or Navy, she said that there is a police force for the entire country rather than for a city or county. Other military services protect the country from the outside, while the police protect the country internally, she added.

Thai people have a great deal of respect for the royalty and the royalty are not afraid of being hurt while

Pakistan Grants Visas To Missionary Couple

The government of Pakistan has authorized visas for a missionary couple who have waited months to enter the country, according to John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, who have been temporarily assigned to Yemen since February, were informed by Hughey that they can pick up their visas in nearby Aden. They will probably remain in Yemen until July, Hughey said.

The Youngs are the second Baptist missionary couple to be granted visas by Pakistan in 1969.

Both couples are replacing missionaries formerly stationed in Pakistan.

"Abdul Sattar, counselor of the Pakistan Embassy, told me that he does not think we should worry about visas for our missionaries to Pakistan," Hughey said. "We must indicate."



Annette Cone and David Trammell have received special Choral awards at William Carey College, presented by Dr. Donald Winters, Dean, the college's School of Music. Trammell has served as president of the Carey Choral during the 1969-70 school year.

Greens Creek Crowns Three

The W.M.U. of GREENS CREEK CHURCH (LEBANON) sponsored a Coronation Service held recently by the Girls Auxiliary. The Theme was, "GO AND TELL." It was the first time in many years that they had had a Queen. This time they crowned three.

Four girls were presented as MAIDENS: Luanne Shaffer, Melinda Lott, Anita Powell and Becky Hammond. 6 LADIES-IN-WAITING: Jean Dillon, Andrea Rainey, Janet Lee, Paige Burt, Lisa Rainey and Cynthia Farmer; one PRINCESS: Charlotte Anding.

The three girls crowned QUEEN were: Sabrina Hegwood, assisted by Valery Lott and Joseph Hegwood; Susan Shaffer, assisted by Kim Hamby and Roger Shaffer; and Libby Cochran, assisted by Jayne Cochran and Mark Lyles.

Mrs. Bonnie Hamby is the GA director. Leaders are Mrs. Pat Shaffer, Mrs. Barbara Lott, and Mrs. Shirley Hegwood. Mrs. Jeanell Rainey is WMU President. Miss Linda Powell was Soloist and organist and Miss Vicki Burt was pianist.

A reception was held in the Recreation Room immediately after the service. Miss Tot Herrod was Chairman of the Reception Committee; hostesses were the Ladies of the WMU. Rev. Q. C. Barrett is pastor.

State Winners

Four participants from Blythe Creek Church were in the State Intermediate Sword Drill Contest May 1 at Starkville. Joe McClain was a State winner; Others participating were Candace Box, Cindy Box, and Diane Sandifer. Mrs. Maxine Jones is their leader. On May 9 Joe McClain was to represent Choctaw Baptist Association at the Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. Winners there will represent Convention-wide winners, either at Ridgecrest, N. C. or Glorieta, N. M. this summer. Rev. A. R. Sandifer is pastor at Blythe Creek.



Strong Hope Church, Copiah County, Breaks Ground For Sanctuary

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary were held recently at Strong Hope Church, Copiah County. Construction began on April 27, 1970, by Huntington Lumber Company, Hazelhurst.

The ground was broken by Gerald King, chairman, Building Committee, and the pastor, Rev. Perry Culver. The dedicatory prayer was by Marvin Massey, chairman of deacons. Rev. Eugene Roberts, associational missionary, Copiah and Lincoln Counties, gave the benediction.

The groundbreaking ceremony was the culmination of about three

years study and planning by the Building Committee and the church for this new sanctuary. The new structure will be masonry, with central heating and air conditioning.

The building is being constructed according to the plans and specifications of the Architecture Department

of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Members of the Building Committee are Gerald King, chairman, Benford Ratliff, Jennings Carpenter, B. McNeill, Mrs. Early Leggett, Mrs. J. V. Elkins, Sr., and Mrs. Clyde Furlow.

Explorers Solicit Funds In Search For Noah's Ark

ST. PAUL, Minn. (RNS) — Three explorers visited the Minneapolis-St. Paul area to seek the aid of private industry in finding Noah's Ark.

One of them was Walter Pederson of St. Cloud, Minn., a member of the Ralph Plaisted expedition which managed to find the North Pole via snowmobile in 1968.

"We already have enough money to go," Mr. Pederson said. "It's just a question of how big we go." The project is expected to cost about \$1,200,000.

Mr. Pederson, who will supervise the use of snow machines and other equipment on Mt. Ararat in eastern Turkey in June, said he has no doubt that Noah's Ark is there.

"If I did not think this was Noah's Ark, I'd have no interest at all in this project," he said.

According to the Book of Genesis, the ark "came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat" after the waters subsided.

Harry Crawford of Denver, deputy

project director, said wood recovered in recent years was found 17,000 feet above sea level, well above the tree line. "How else could it get there?" he asked.

The wood is white oak, which does not grow in the area, he said. The Bible says only that the ark was built of "gopher wood."

Mr. Pederson, Mr. Crawford and Rene Noorbergen were here as representatives of the Scientific Exploration and Archaeological Research Foundation, Washington, which is sponsoring the expedition.

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Names In The News

Miss Betty Smith of Council Circle, Jackson, was one of nine persons who attended a writers' conference at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board May 4-8. Miss Smith is office secretary, Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Writers for "Exploring C," a church training periodical for 10- and 11-year-old Southern Baptists, and an accompanying periodical for leaders gathered to study writing assignments, approaches to development of writing assignments and improved writing skills.

Director of the conference was Mrs. Richie Whaley, editor of children's curriculum materials in the church training department.



Lamar Manning, right, recently was ordained as a deacon at Nesbit Church. Rev. E. D. Richardson, left, pastor at Nesbit, is shown presenting the ordination certificate.



Bill Hughes, Baptist Student Director, UCLA and the University of Southern California, has accepted the position as consultant in campus evangelism, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's student department.

Rev. Joe H. Stovall, Jr. has been called as interim assistant to the pastor at Dauphinway Church, Mobile, Alabama. A native of Clinton, Miss., he formerly served parishes in Rosedale, Florida, and Lucedale, and at Emmanuel Church, Mobile. He is pastor-adviser for the BSU at South Alabama. His duties at Dauphinway will be primarily in the area of visitation to the shut-ins, rest homes, hospitals, etc. He and his wife and 12-year-old son live at 1365 W. Reams Drive, Mobile. Dr. Jaroy Weber is pastor at Dauphinway.

William Carey College professor, Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of the department of religion and philosophy, has received word that he has been selected to appear in the Fourth Edition of COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA.

Samuel A. DeBord, director of promotion for the Foreign Mission Board and former missionary in East Africa, will lead discussions about foreign missions at the World Missions Conference July 23-29 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly. More than 2,000 persons have registered for the conference, and another 1,000 are expected, said Norman Godfrey, conference coordinator.

Sylvarena Calls Pastor

Rev. Drew D. Blanton has resigned as pastor of Fellowship Church near Mendenhall to accept the pastorate of Sylvarena Church near Weston.

Pastor of Fellowship Church for three and one-half years, he is from Attala County where he was also pastor of several churches. He is married to the former Marilyn Cummings of Stewart. They have two children: Melinda, 5, and Michael, one month. They moved on the new field March 3.

Homecoming At Boyle

First Church, Boyle will observe homecoming day on May 17. Rev. M. E. Perry, a former pastor, will bring the morning message. Mrs. Annette Joe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Gong of Boyle, will bring a special message in song. Mrs. Joe is now a member of Parkway Church, Jackson.

"Dinner will be served on the grounds at the conclusion of the worship service. A special feature has been planned for the children. They will have dinner on the ground and play time too. It is all scheduled for the grounds behind the parsonage. The adults will eat and visit on the church grounds. Many former members and friends of the church are expected for the occasion. The public is invited to attend. Rev. M. E. Perry will be the guest speaker."

William Carey College senior, Vicki Broadway from Mobile, pictured, was presented the "Outstanding Performer's Award" on Monday evening by Mrs. Jennie Lou Breland of the Carey music faculty. The occasion was the annual School of Music Honors Banquet. Miss Broadway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Broadway. This year she was first place winner in the piano division of the Mississippi Music Teachers Association. She performed with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra on May 12 in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium on the Carey campus in Hattiesburg.



Gerald Waldrop has accepted a call as minister of music for Brewer Church of Lee County. He received his B. S. degree from Mississippi State University, and his Master's degree in social studies at the University of Mississippi. He is teacher-coach at Shanno High School, and is married to the former Sammie Jo Newell. They are both natives of Pontotoc County. Rev. Rex Yancey is the pastor at Brewer.



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Hickory Church will have an old-fashioned song festival Sunday, May 17. The festival will be held in town square. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Rex Yancey is the pastor at Brewer.

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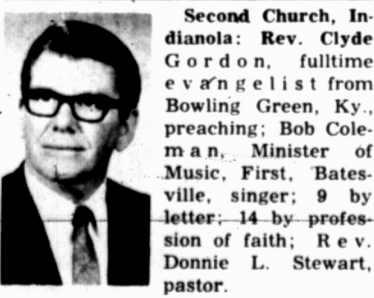
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Law Versus Grace

A Disciple Witnessing

To A Strengthened Personality

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2

The truth of this lesson is crucial to an understanding of the spread of Christianity during New Testament times. It is crucial now for a mature understanding of the gospel and for Christian faith and witness. The matter of law versus grace was a central issue for the early church. In Acts 15 we have the account of the conference in Jerusalem about the relation of law and grace, and in Galatians 2 we have Paul's testimony relative to the issue in the conference, the resolution of the issue, and the centrality of grace and faith.

The Lesson Explained
THE ISSUE IN ANTIOCH (Acts 15:1-5)

A group of believers from Jerusalem, a circumcision party, came to Antioch and began to teach that the Gentiles could not be saved apart from becoming Jews. That is, they would have to be circumcised according to the requirements of the Mosaic law. One can imagine the consternation of Paul and Barnabas and the church in Antioch, itself largely made up of Gentile believers. There was much debate about the matter. Without resolving the issue, it was agreed that Paul and Barnabas and some others would go to Jerusalem for a conference with the apostles and elders there. This was in recognition of their being older in the faith; it was in no sense a recognition of their authority over the Antioch church.

THE CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM (Acts 15:6)

The entire chapter calls for serious study, also Paul's report in Galatians 2:1-10. Verse 6 may point to a special conference of leaders in Jerusalem with the Antioch delegation, before the matter was discussed in full by the larger body of believers. At any rate, there followed much debate by the whole church, with influential statements made by Simon Peter, Paul, Barnabas, and James (half brother of Jesus).

James suggested that they not call in question the salvation of the Gentiles but that they write a letter, to be sent to the Gentile churches, encouraging the Gentile Christians to abstain from gross evils, and that they be considerate of Jewish feelings about food which had been sacrificed to idols, about meat not properly bled, and about eating blood. There was no reference to the requirement of circumcision. The Holy Spirit was declared to join in or confirm the sentiments of the letter. If the Gentile Christians would respond to the letter, the matter would be settled.

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One should read the opening verses of this chapter for background. Here in these verses from Galatians, Paul gives his witness as a Jew, now a believer in Christ and a trophy of God's grace, that the forgiveness of sins and new life in Christ are received by grace through faith. One is not justified by his own works of righteousness in fulfilling the requirements of the law.

Paul could say that he had died to the law in the sense of depending on it for acceptance before God. He would not nullify grace by depending on the law. He had entered into union with Christ, whose crucifixion makes available riches of grace and in whom the Christian lives by faith.

Truths to Live By
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ceptance by God, more than a new birth. Salvation means continuing in the life of faith. And thus faith and works are inseparable, for faith is productive of works. Faith expresses itself in obedience, in doing the work of Christ, in love for Christ and love toward other persons, in kindness and generosity, in courage and steadfastness, in worship and witness. Thus works are the fruit of faith and a means of cultivating faith. Works of righteousness and service can never supplement grace and faith as the means of receiving forgiveness of sins and new life in Christ. But grace is meaningless and faith is dead unless works of righteousness and service show that salvation is dynamic and fruitful in the Christian's life.

The spirit of legalism is hurtful to Christian growth. — The legalist is really not free; he is in bondage. He is likely to become boastful, likely to be judgmental toward others, likely to become unstable because he depends upon himself, instead of the grace of God. And thus Christian growth is spoiled by the ugly spirit of self-righteousness or thwarted by dulness of faith. The Christian who is a legalist in all too often negative and critical, faultfinding and suspicious, irresponsible and hypocritical, erratic and indifferent. The cure for legalism is a baptism of grace sanctified by instruction, and the dynamic for growth is a continuous yielding to the compulsions of grace.

Ministers' Wives

Plan Luncheon

During Convention

DENVER (BP) — Wives of Southern Baptist ministers attending the Southern Baptist Convention here will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, June 2, at the Brown Palace Hotel, but tickets must be purchased prior to the convention, according to Mrs. Virginia L. Norfleet of Kansas City, Mo., president of the organization.

The Conference of Ministers' Wives will feature an address by Mrs. Robert F. Hays of Pleasantville, N. Y., former president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; and entertainment by Carol Conway and Tony Greaves, graduate students at the University of Denver.

Mrs. Norfleet, whose husband is pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church in Kansas City, said that because of an earlier starting time for the convention this year, sale of tickets at Denver has been practically eliminated.

to sell tickets through the mail, said Mrs. Norfleet. "Therefore, it is extremely important that ministers' wives make their reservations immediately by sending \$5.00 to Mrs. Glenn Braswell, P. O. Box 22005, Denver, Colorado, 80222."

The meeting, scheduled at 12:45 at the Brown Palace Hotel, will be the 15th annual luncheon of the Conference of Ministers' Wives, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

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Acts 16:1-3; Phil. 2:19-23;
2 Timothy 2
By Bill Duncan

When a person becomes a Christian, it is the beginning of a life that should reflect growth and maturity. I do not know how many people I have known who have stopped growing, as Christians in Christian personality; each was a retardant in Christian service. What we need is how can we gain a Christian personality that will enable us to serve God more effectively?

A few years ago a college made a study of the courses offered by the institution, in an attempt to determine the subjects which most generally produced successful students and graduates. However, they discovered that it did not make a great deal of difference. Some taking a certain group of studies failed, and others taking the same courses succeeded.

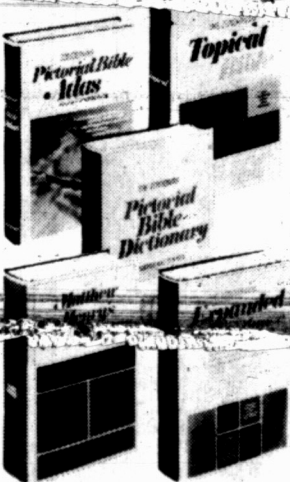
Then they turned to find out why. After another year of study the faculty committee came back with the report that success or failure depended upon 3 C's: courage, courtesy, and cooperation. Success is a continual upward spiral of progress. The growing personality that leads to success must have the 3 C's also; cooperation, courtesy, and courage.

Cooperation
Timothy was within himself a combination of many cultures. His mother was a strong Jewish woman who had felt the strong faith of her mother and had accepted her mother's Christ as her own Saviour. The father is not known in scripture except his nationality — a Greek. Paul accepted the young man, not because of his standing in Jewish custom, but because of his faith in Christ. He was well known by the churches of Lystra and Iconium. These churches had felt his faith.

However, before Paul would expose him to the Jewish leaders around the world, he circumcised Timothy. Paul had preached against the Jewish law. Timothy had a scriptural knowledge that this was not necessary for salvation. But in order to be effective, and not to cause any hardship on the work of Paul, he cooperated. Paul said that he was willing to be all things to all people in order that he might win some.

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operate with him. The tragedy today is that so many young people want their own way and are not willing to consider the feelings of others. You can be "dead right" in this world and be wrong with God. In order to develop his personality, one must be willing for God to direct and control his life.

Courtesy
Phil. 2:19-23

Paul said of Timothy that he "will naturally care for your state." This was his outlook — others. "When Sir Bartle Frere returned from India, the carriage was sent to the village station to bring him home. When the new footman asked how he would rec-

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ognize Sir Bartle, his aged mother said, "Look for somebody helping someone else." Sure enough when the London train had drawn in, the footman observed a gentleman assisting an old lady to the platform and then going back to get her luggage. Going straight up to him, the footman inquired, "Sir Bartle?" Yes, it was he. What a lovely reputation to have!

Are we not sometimes very self-centered, self-seeking, showing little of the care for others which was so manifested in the makeup of Timothy? When we are helping others we are helping Him. All those whose lives are devoted to the concern of the Lord are ready to help anyone, whether secular or in spiritual matters. Timothy was above all ready to help his spiritual father Paul. Paul in turn was glad to use the enthusiastic helper; he was sending him on an errand to Philippi.

Paul also mentions, "But ye know the proof of him that as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel." It's interesting how Paul presents Timothy as an equal partner with him in the pursuit of the

great advantage of the promotion of the Gospel. Timothy served alongside his father in God, sharing the hardships, perils of the campaign.

The idea of courtesy makes thoughtfulness come to mind. The growing personality needs to develop the right thinking toward others, Christ, and those to whom we owe our lives. We have good manners that are like the actions and attitudes of Jesus Christ.

Courage
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul begins to guide the young man Timothy in the understanding of the Christian life by reminding him of the need for strength. "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Be strengthened by keeping in touch with the power that is in Christ. In our strength apart from God we can do nothing. Paul said in 1 Timothy 1:12, "Our Lord who hath enabled me" in Phil. 4:13 he said, "I can do all things through Jesus Christ that strengthened me." In Eph. 6:10 we read, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." The strength to be brave (Continued on page 8)

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Devotional

What's In A Name?

Proverbs 22:1

By Allen Stephens, Pastor, Bay Vista, Biloxi

Names are of great importance. Many times names reveal value. For instance: the Hope Diamond, Rolls-Royce, and Fort Knox all remind one of great value monetarily speaking. Names often come to mean more than they really should. Many times brand names carry more weight than is their due, even to the point of a name of one product being used for all other similar products. For example Kleenex often is used when referring to facial tissue, Caterpillar is often used to designate all bull-dozers, and Coke for all soft drinks. This, of course, should not be, but it just shows how important a name can really be.

The writer of Proverbs says "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," and this is borne out daily before all of us. Many times people come to think of a good name for themselves as simply a means of raising their economical standing. Too often people try to have a good name in the community with the idea of economic gain. This is just using false pretenses to profit one's self.

Jesus shows how a good name is to be gained and maintained. He clearly demonstrates with His own life how to effectively accomplish the goal of a good name before men. There is nothing cunning or deceitful about Jesus' method. He makes it a practice to live for others. Those who write on the subject of influence before men today such as Dale Carnegie and Norman Vincent Peale emphasize the importance of concern for other people. So Jesus' method of some 2000 years ago proves just as effective today as it did then.

If the individual becomes too involved with the idea of a good name at the expense of others, he soon finds that he is shattering his reputation much more than he is improving it. The admonition is to care for others. Be selfless rather than selfish. Think about the other individual's needs as well as your own. Be willing to share not only your love, but your entire being with others. Imagine that everyone else has fragile feelings and make every effort to steel your own and you will find success in reaching the goal that you have set. Christ set the example; all you have to do is follow.

Emeritus Missionary Says Brazil "Prelude To Heaven"

By Glenda Miller

RECIFE — L. L. Johnson, 86-year-old emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to northern Brazil, described his recent return as "a prelude to heaven."

Returning after 16 years of retirement to the mission field where he served for 38 years, Johnson was received with embraces and tears by a multitude of friends and colleagues.

Mrs. Sammie Johnson, unable to accompany her husband on this sentimental journey, remained at home in Muscogee, Okla. But their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tarvin of Muscogee, went along.

Mrs. Tarvin, born in Recife, spent the first 16 years of her life in Bra-

zil. Though this was her first trip back to her birthplace, her Portuguese seemed to return with amazing ease.

Johnson was the speaker for Founder's Day at the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary on April 8. He reminded the packed auditorium of the early days at the seminary when just a handful of students attended.

Johnson's topic was "A Good Minister of the Gospel." He pointed out to the students that first of all a good minister must be a good man. He should be an optimist and have a sense of humor. He reminded the students that worry is a sin and shows a lack of trust in the Lord.

Perhaps the most vivid illustration of his topic is Johnson himself. His



Crusader Dedicated

William Carey College Coach John O'Keefe was honored during recent days with the highest honor given to a professor by the students during the school year. The 1970 Crusader annual was dedicated to him. Shown making the presentation is Miss Martha Gillon, senior and editor of the Crusader.

crown of snow - white hair, his contagious laugh, his virtue of being able to laugh at himself, and his great faith have endeared this man to missionaries and Brazilians alike.

Twenty-four missionaries and missionary journeymen gathered in the home of the Raymond L. Kolbs in Recife for a dinner honoring Johnson and the Tarvins. Johnson was asked to share with the group some of his experiences as a missionary. He said nothing of hardships but kept everyone in stitches with his delightful humor.

The Johnsons, who served in Recife, Garanhuns, Maceio, Salvador and Triunfo, saw Brazilian Baptists grow from a small body of dedicated believers to a strong national convention.

Johnson traveled and preached throughout northeast Brazil in an era when travel involved physical hardships and long separations from family. River boats, antiquated trains, mules and Model T's laboring over unimproved roads made the trips long and arduous.

Mrs. Johnson contributed much to the development of music, religious education, and programs for women in Brazil. The Johnson home, always open to people in need, was a Baptist social center where Christian workers were developed through informal contacts.

A friend of Johnson's laughingly told him, "When I get to heaven I'll know you're there when I hear that laugh of yours."

A good minister of the gospel, a good man, an optimist and a man of faith, Leslie Leonidas Johnson fits that description.

Off The Record

FOOT IN MOUTH DISEASE?

A politician had taken a course in veterinary medicine but never practiced. During a bitter campaign, his opponent referred to him as a vet, and finally asked him, during a public debate, if he really was a veterinarian.

"Why do you ask?" was the quick reply. "Are you ill?"

GO GETTER

A tall, bronzed six-footer flew into a violent rage in a hotel lobby one night because, for one reason or another, all the elevators were delayed on the upper floors.

Finally one descended, operated by a wisp of a girl. The six-footer stamped inside and bellowed, "Where the devil have you been? Do you realize I have to get packed for a mountain-climbing expedition tomorrow? Second floor—and make it snappy!"

REALLY READY TO GO

Two foremen were comparing notes: "Do all the boys in your shop drop their tools the moment the whistle blows?" asked one.

"No, not at all," replied the other. "The orderly ones have their tools put away long before that time."

QUITE A FEAT

The corporal at the Army receiving center was getting ready to fingerprint a recruit.

"Wash your hands!" he barked at the trembling newcomer.

"Both of them?" asked the recruit, shaking even harder.

After a moment's hesitation, the corporal said: "No, just one. I'd like to see how you do it."

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A TEA-KITTLE

Four-year-old Bobby was stroking his cat before the fire. The cat began to purr loudly. Bobby gazed at her then suddenly seized her by the tail and dragged her away from the hearth. His mother said: "You must not hurt the kitty, Bobby."

"I'm not," he said, "but I've got to get her away from the fire. She's beginning to boil."

ARTIFICIAL BAIT NEEDED

The Sunday-school teacher asked her class how Noah spent his time on the Ark. Receiving no response, she queried: "Do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?"

"What?" replied a little boy, "with only two worms?"



IMPORTANT LADIES ALL—It was all in the family as these "important ladies" gathered to share conversation and refreshments at the annual May Banquet of the Faculty Wives Club at Mississippi College. Standing (l to r) are Mrs. Howard Spell, wife of Dr. Howard Spell who was for many years Dean of the College and who currently serves as fulltime Professor of Bible; Mrs. R. A. McLemore, former First Lady of the college; Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Sr. who preceded Mrs. McLemore as First Lady; the current First Lady, Mrs. Lewis Nobles; and Mrs. Charles Martin, wife of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)



1970-71 OFFICERS of FACULTY WIVES AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE are—seated (l to r) Mrs. Charles Martin, Vice-President; Mrs. Philips McCarty, President; Mrs. Wendell Deer, Secretary; Standing (l to r) Mrs. Henry Carroll, Publicity; Mrs. Ralph Carroll, Nursery Chairman; Mrs. Craig Whitlock, Newcomer Chairman; Mrs. Granville Gore, Treasurer; and Mrs. Archie Germany, Telephone Chairman. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

Mission Superintendents Set Denver Meeting

DENVER (BP)—Allen W. Graves and E. C. Watson have been named principal speakers for the annual Southern Baptist Convention Conference of Superintendents of Missions here.

The meeting will be held at Riverside Baptist Church in Denver on June 1, preceding the annual sessions of

the Southern Baptist Convention.

Paul D. Jackson, missionary for the Polk County and Haralson Baptist Association surrounding Cedartown, Ga., is president of the missionaries.

He said Graves, administrative dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. will be keynote speaker.

Argentine Baptists Honor Mission Board

During their 62nd annual meeting Argentine Baptists held a service in recognition of the 125th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Esteban Elias, executive secretary of the Argentine convention, presented an onyx plaque to the Foreign Mission Board.

Southern Baptist work in Argentina, Elias told of his own conversion under the preaching of the late Joseph L. Hart, a pioneer missionary in that country.

Eighty-six Foreign Mission Board personnel are now assigned to Argentina. All who were in the country at the time were invited to stand at the front of the convention hall during the recognition ceremony. As the missionaries moved back to their seats, the audience broke into spontaneous applause.

Despite torrential rain, about 1,500 people packed the hall in Buenos Aires the night of the ceremony, setting an attendance record for the four-day meeting.

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is not within ourselves alone but in the power of Christ within us.

The need for courage is seen in that there is committed unto Timothy the teaching that he must commit to others who will be able to teach. This is a responsibility upon one person, but the courage that Christ gives makes it possible.

The Christian's life is described as a warfare in which Timothy is a soldier. Therefore he needs courage to be brave in the face of the enemy.

The Christian is as an athletic runner who is seeking a reward. Therefore he needs to be strong to run and brave to try.

The Christian is like a farmer who faces hard work, but enjoys the fruit of his labor. The farmer must have the courage to begin if he ever finds the pleasure of a finished job.

Courage is a necessary element of every man's personality if he accomplishes anything for the Lord. God wants to use the ability of men who will give themselves bravely to Him.

Look at your personality and see if you have a cooperative spirit, a courteous nature, and a brave heart. All these will be necessary if you develop properly.

Dr. Riser Licensed To Ministry Fifty-Five Years Ago May 16

By Anne McWilliams

Fifty-five years ago this week Dr. J. S. Riser was licensed to the gospel ministry. The popular preacher, nicknamed "Sunshine" during college



censed in a special service at First Church, Ellisville, on May 16, 1915, while Rev. J. L. Low was pastor there.

What is he doing now, fifty-five years later? He is still preaching! For the past three and one-half years he has been interim pastor of Calvary Mission in Jackson.

Thus he will celebrate this fifty-fifth anniversary "preaching as usual." His nick-name is still characteristic of his friendly, happy smile, his love for a good joke, and his cheerful optimism.

Three months after he was licensed, he preached his first sermon at his home church, Palestine, in Hinds County, where he had been baptized at the age of fourteen.

John Sherwood Riser was born in Hinds County on February 4, 1895, the son of Joseph Sherwood and Mary Granberry Riser, one of eight children, five boys and three girls.

While a junior in high school, he was called to preach. He liked agriculture very much and thought he would go into that as his career, so he was attending the Agricultural High School at Ellisville.

Two years after he was licensed to preach, he was ordained to the ministry at First Church, Clinton, under the pastorate of Dr. Zeno Wall, on July 12, 1917. This was while he was a student at Mississippi College.

He graduated from Mississippi College in the Class of 1921. In the following years he studied at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he received the Th.M. degree in 1924 and the Th.D. degree in 1926.

During his pastorate at Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, he met his bride-to-be, Ruby Hall Culpepper, and was her pastor for a year before they were married on April 17, 1927. He says, "She has been my inspiration and wonderful helper during all

of our married life."

The Risers have two sons, J. S. Riser, Jr., who teaches in Florida Technological Institute, a division of the University of Florida, at Orlando, and William H. Riser, who teaches in the

Riser and his wife have a daughter, Maria Drive, Jackson. Before his interim pastorate at Calvary Mission, he served other interim pastorates at Mountain Creek in Rankin County; at Pearson Church; at Parkway, Jackson; First, Grenada; First Greenwood; and Lowry Memorial Blue Mountain. In addition, he has preached in revivals and led in Bible study weeks. When asked if he ever does anything besides preach, he laughingly replies "No not much."

His pastorates from the time of his ordination until the time of his retirement includes Fannin and Cruger in Mississippi; Brookfield and Fairland in Indiana; Durant; Lowry Memorial, Blue Mountain (eight years, the longest continuous pastorate that church has known); Central Avenue, Memphis; Brazil and Webb in Mississippi.

He led in the construction of a \$150,000 educational building for the Central Avenue Church; a \$35,000 educational building for the Webb Church; and a \$25,000 church building for the Brazil Church.

His activities in associational and denominational affairs have been extensive. He was president of the Pastors' Conferences in Meridian, Memphis, and Mississippi Delta; moderator of associations in Indiana and Mississippi; and moderator of the Tallahatchie County Association for seven years. He served as second vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for one year, beginning in November, 1949, and was a member from Holmes County of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for three years, beginning in the fall of 1931.

From 1962 to 1966 he was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission. In addition, he was a member from Mississippi of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, for six years, and secretary of that Board for the last three of those years.

In 1955 he participated in a preaching mission to Alaska, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board, with all expenses paid by the Webb Church, his pastorate at that time.

During World War I he served as a volunteer in the United States Navy, with more than the latter half of this enlistment served with the United States Marine Corps in France and Germany.

He kept healthy through his active life. Now he walks a lot. His enthusiastic zeal for active, radiant Christian living is no doubt the secret of his overflowing energy.

To Present Recital

On Thursday, May 14, at 8 p. m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Robert Keith Formsmar will be presented in a faculty piano recital. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital and the reception, to be given by the Vivace Club in honor of the recitalist.



Mr. Formsmar is assistant professor of music in the Division of Fine Arts at Blue Mountain College. He holds the B.A. degree from Hope College, Holland, Michigan and the Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan School of Music.

Mt. Zion Hymn Sing

A community hymn singing will be held at the Mt. Zion Church on May 16, near Florence in Rankin County, at 7:30 p. m. This will be sponsored and directed by the young married Sunday school class. The public is invited. There will be congregational singing, and also group singing, solos, etc. Rev. T. C. Pinson is pastor.

From Spain: Laymen of English-language Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, had a very successful Royal Ambassador recognition service recently, according to Pastor James M. Watson, Southern Baptist missionary. Seventeen boys received pins for their forward progress. Also, T. W. Hunt, associate professor of piano and organ at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., conducted a weekend music festival at Immanuel Church.



"She'll Be Comin' Around The Puntjak When She Comes" SHOWN AT Maude Fray's School near Richmond, Va. Missionary W. N. "Mac" McElrath is about to lead the children in an Indonesian version of "She'll Be Comin' Around The Puntjak (Summit) When She Comes." Playing his autoharp and teaching Indonesian words, gestures and table manners, he kept the youngsters enthralled and involved for almost an hour, completing his presentation with a fast-paced slide sequence. Said McElrath: "The seeds sown in this way—that the world is a big and varied place, that other peoples have ways and needs of their own, that one's life is to be lived in service and ministry—who knows what fruit these may bear?" (Photo by W. Robert Hart)

One of the exciting new developments in home missions is the use of young college graduates for two years service as missionaries. Among the thirty-six under appointment in late 1969, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams were beginning their service in Portland, Oregon. They were housed in a downtown apartment just off the campus of Portland State as they

began developing a ministry to students, to apartment dwellers, and to a "hippy" colony nearby. Associational superintendent of missions B. E. Pitts, Jr. wrote following their arrival: "Thank you for making possible the coming of these US-2ers. The money Southern Baptists invest in them and their ministry will pay big dividends."

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